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PATENT

Attorney's Docket No. T-6282

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

STEPHEN J. MILLER et al.

Application No.: 10/643,555

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: MIXED MATRIX MEMBRANE WITH
SUPER WATER WASHED SILICA
CONTAINING MOLECULAR SIEVES
AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND
USING THE SAME

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) Group Art Unit: 1725
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) Examiner: Christina Ann Johnson
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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2005 for the above referenced patent application and is being submitted with a petition for a one-month extension of time. Therefore, this paper is being submitted on or before its current due date of August 28, 2005. Also being submitted herewith, is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. This Supplemental IDS is being submitted before an action on the merits; therefore, no fee is believed to be required.

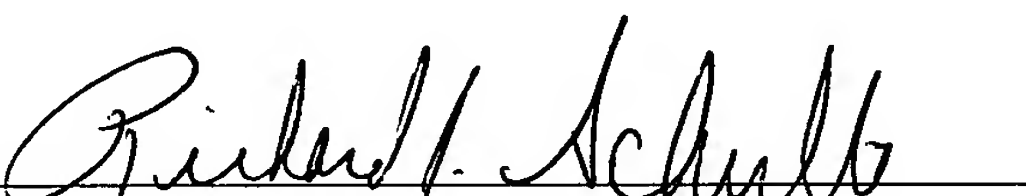
RESTRICTION / ELECTION

In the Office Action, mailed June 28, 2005 the Examiner required Restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a membrane, classified in class 502, subclass 4.
- II. Claims 20-23, drawn to a method of separating a gas, classified in class 95, subclass 100.

Applicants elect without traverse - Group I, directed to Claims 1-19 for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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